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SUBJECT: CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT'S COMMENTS ON US NUCLEAR
LEGISLATION

1. DURING MY MEETING WITH HIM TODAY, CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT BRIEFLY COMMENTED ON THE US NUCLEAR LEGISLATION. SCHMIDT SAID HE DID NOT WANT PROBLEMS WITH THE UNITED STATES, BUT IT WAS DIFFICULT TO FIND A SOLUTION GIVEN THE FRENCH POSITION.

2. SCHMIDT SAID HE HAD NOT DISCUSSED THIS WITH GISCARD DURING LAST SUNDAY'S VISIT, BUT THE GERMANS WERE IN TOUCH WITH DE GUIRINGAUD. WHAT THEY WERE TRYING TO WORK OUT IS A FORM OF WORDING WHICH THE FRENCH WOULD ACCEPT. FOR EXAMPLE, TO STATE THAT THE US AND EURATOM ARE ENGAGED IN "TALKS" NOT NEGOTIATIONS.

3. SCHMIDT SAID HE HAD THE IMPRESSION THAT SOME FRENCHMEN MIGHT BE PREPARED TO SUGGEST THAT FRANCE TAKE OVER FROM THE UNITED STATES THE SUPPLIER RESPONSIBILITIES FOR EURATOM. SCHMIDT'S CLEAR IMPLICATION WAS
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THAT THE FRG DID NOT FAVOR THIS SOLUTION.

4. EARLIER, WHILE HENRY OWEN AS WELL AS MYSELF WERE WITH HIM, SCHMIDT HAD ALSO TOUCHED ON THIS SUBJECT AND HAD INDICATED THAT HE DID NOT WANT A CONFRONTATION WITH THE UNITED STATES OVER IT. HE SAID THAT THE FRG WAS READY TO TALK TO THE UNITED STATES, BUT THAT

EURATOM WAS COMPOSED OF NINE COUNTRIES AND "SOME HAVE
DIFFERENT VIEWS." HE SAID THAT IF IT WERE TO TURN OUT

THAT EURATOM WOULD NOT AGREE TO TALK HE WANTED THE RECORD TO
SHOW THAT GERMANY WAS READY.
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